



U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement

May 4, 2006

# News Release

## **Iowa man charged with producing child pornography**

DES MOINES, Iowa — An Iowa man was charged in federal court here yesterday with producing child pornography. The charge resulted from an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Terance Scott Edgington, 37, of Osceola, Iowa, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Ross A. Walters yesterday afternoon and was held without bond pending a detention hearing scheduled for May 8.

ICE agents executed a search warrant yesterday at Edgington's residence, assisted by the Osceola Police Department and the Clarke County Sheriff's Office. Agents seized a camera, computer, and related peripherals during the search. During the search, Edgington admitted taking photos of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct and storing them on his computer.

A conviction on producing child pornography carries a minimum 15-year prison sentence up to a maximum of 30 years, as well as a fine of up to \$250,000.

"Possessing, manufacturing and distributing child pornography are very serious crimes," said Estela Biesemeyer, resident agent in charge of the ICE office in Des Moines. "Individuals who prey on minors are forewarned that ICE, working in partnership with other organizations, has the ability to find you and bring you to justice."

As with any case, a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa, is prosecuting this case.

# ICE #

*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.*